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One Dollar a Year

\$1,000 LIMIT POKER GAME.

Played by Party of Millionaires on an Ocean Liner.

The superb Kaiser Wilhelm II of the North German Lloyd fleet, says The New York Sun, of Wednesday, brought in yesterday from Bremen, Southampton and Cherbourg not only the largest number of saloon voyagers ever carried in a single liner, but the tallest yarn of poker playing ever indulged in on shipboard, not excepting the phenomenal games that tradition tells about on the Mississippi in the days before the war.

Never have so many rich men homeward bound assembled in the smoking room of a sea express. But the great game was not played in the smoking room where the multitudes might look on and count the winnings and losses and note the players. None of the participants would tell anything about it or even acknowledge that there had been any game at all. But it was the gossip of the ship all the way across, and it is said that more than \$100,000 changed hands.

It was a thousand dollar limit at first but finally, the rumors had it, the players were betting copper mines, railroads, steamships and seats in the Stock Exchange. In the nervous enthusiasm of the sport one of the players, so the incandescent gossip went, had offered to buy the three million dollar Kaiser Wilhelm II and put her up against anything of equivalent value that any other enthusiast wanted to wager.

But the real facts in the case are that nothing but money and checks was used. The white chips, used merely in anteing, represented \$100, the red \$500 and the blues \$1,000. Investigation revealed that there was no ground for the story that one young man had gone into the game before he was aware of the nature of the stakes and had impressively asked for \$100 worth of chips. His chest expansion was reduced several feet when he received a single white one.

The players were five men of great wealth and every one of them merely gave a bland smile when asked if he had sat in with the other fellows and said that really it was a game he did not understand. He had apparently read the "Heathen Chinee."

It was not altogether a dry game, although most of the players indulged very lightly in highballs and fizz. An ambition to win more and a desire to recoup kept going day and night, and the last session did not end until the liner was within sight of Fire Island. Capt. Hagemann said there might have been playing for high stakes aboard the Kaiser, but that he personally knew nothing of it. He was sure that the line still owned the ship.

Still Room For One.

"Brethren," said a man in the meeting, "so many sinners are dying every day I have come to the conclusion that hell is full." He sat down, when an old deacon in the amen corner raised the hymn: "There's a place reserved for you, brother, a place reserved for you."

A Philadelphia paper has gathered statistics which show that a woman's chances to marry between the ages of 25 and 30 are only 18 per cent, while between 20 and 25 the chances are 52 per cent in her favor. Apparently it is rather dangerous to say no to the first man.

If you want a higher grade buggy than you can find elsewhere, call at G. Frank Bamberg's.

Wanted a Discount.

Simon Ford enjoys nothing better than to tell a story of the humors of the hotel business, says Harper's Weekly.

"A friend in the West," says Mr. Ford, "once related to me the trials and tribulations of the people employed in the office of his hostelry to keep in proper bounds a young man from Chicago who as soon as he had registered proceeded to make things lively. The first evening he spent with them he did the proprietor out of a neat sum at poker; the next night he returned to his quarters considerably intoxicated after having whipped his caddy; the third night he gave an impromptu concert in the halls. This was too much for the hotel people; they asked for his key and rendered his bill. Evidently the amount thereof was not to his liking, for he exclaimed, pathetically: 'Say, don't you fellows make any discount to the clergy?'"

A Turn-Down.

"Here y' are! Extry!" yelled the news-boy. "Big accident!"

"What was the accident, boy?" asked Kloseman.

"Why, de accident wuz dat anudder stingy cuss like you onct found out de news from me widout buyin' a paper."

LIKE FINDING MONEY.

Finding health is like finding money—so think those who are sick. When you have a cough, cold, sore throat, or chest irritation, act promptly like W. C. Barber, of Sandy Level, Va. He says: "I had a terrible chest trouble, caused by smoke and coal dust on my lungs; but, after finding no relief in other remedies, I was cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds." Greatest sale of any cough or lung medicine in the world. At all druggists in Bamberg; Felder & Matthews, Denmark. 50c and \$1.00; guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE.

INTERESTING OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading Pungent Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

Senator Tillman made a speech at Tizah, York county, last Thursday on the dispensary, and in the course of his remarks he said Governor Heyward should exercise his power and remove the State board of control.

Because he saw his reflection in a mirror on a furniture wagon to which he was hitched, a horse in Anderson ran away and severely injured two people. Score another for Anderson, as the editor of the Daily Mail is wont to say.

The supervisor of Darlington county, pursuant to petitions presented, has ordered an election in that county on the question of "dispensary" or "no dispensary." The election is to be held on Tuesday, October 10th.

In a speech at Lancaster last Friday Senator Tillman said he would give his salary as senator for a year just to be governor for three months. That he would remove the State board of control, and clean up the dispensary generally.

Mr. W. H. Manning, dispenser at Cheraw, whose name was coupled with the investigating proceedings at Sumter last week, gave his resignation last Saturday to the county board of control of Chesterfield county. He assigns ill health as his reason for resigning.

Senator Eugene S. Blease, of Saluda, gave out a statement the day after he killed his brother-in-law, Joe Ben Coleman, in which he stated the reason he killed Coleman was that he found out there were intimate relations between Coleman and Mrs. Blease.

Frank J. Kirkham, a young lineman of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, was killed in Florence last Monday afternoon by his body coming in contact with a live electric wire and falling from a pole to the ground, a distance of thirty-five feet. He died in a few minutes.

T. D. Mitchell, the white man who was recently convicted of fraud in holding the municipal election in the town of Brookland, Lexington county, and fined \$75.00, has been released from jail, as his father paid the fine. Mitchell was a policeman in Orangeburg some years ago.

The grounds and buildings of the old Methodist Female college in Columbia were sold at auction last week. Mr. F. H. Hyatt bought the property, for which he paid \$30,000. The new college building is located on the outskirts of the city and is ready for use at the approaching fall session.

Replying to Senator Tillman's suggestion that he remove the State board of dispensary directors, Governor Heyward says that he has no intention at present of taking such action, but if the evidence brought out by the investigating committee satisfies him, he will not hesitate to remove the entire board.

Jas. Padgett, a mulatto, was arrested at Johnston last Thursday charged with attempted assault upon a 12-year-old white girl, the daughter of a prominent citizen of that town. He was carried to Edgefield and placed in jail and from there was taken to Columbia for safe keeping. A crowd came to Edgefield Thursday night to lynch the negro, but he had already been moved and they quietly dispersed.

Eugene S. Blease, Esq., shot and seriously wounded his brother-in-law, Joe Ben Coleman, on the streets of Saluda last Friday night. Five or six shots were fired, and Coleman has four wounds, two of which penetrated the body and will likely cause death. Immediately after the shooting Blease surrendered to the sheriff and was put in jail. It is not known what caused the trouble. Blease is a senator from Saluda county, and is a brother of Cole L. Blease, of Newberry. Coleman was formerly a dispensary constable.

Falling in a tub of water in Greenville last Thursday, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Cannon was drowned. A physician was summoned, when the terrified mother found the little body in the water, and heroic efforts were made to induce respiration, but without results. The physician said that the child had been dead twenty minutes. The mother left the child sleeping on a pallet in the front porch, and it is supposed that when the child, which was just learning to walk, waked, it went to the tub and leaning over, fell in.

Ex-Dispenser Arrested.

JONESVILLE, September 7.—Mr. F. L. Dorrity was arrested and placed under bond here last week by the deputy sheriff of Aiken county as a defaulting dispenser at Salley's, where he had been dispenser before he came to Jonesville.

Mr. Dorrity moved to Jonesville over twelve months ago and he has been a very peaceable, quiet man and worker in the Baptist church of which he united by letter. His shortage is said to be about \$300. He gave a commercial bond and it is his bondsmen that had him prosecuted. They, however, had been waiting on Mr. Dorrity to make his shortage good with the promise that if he would they would not push the bond. Mr. Dorrity says he or the dispensary was robbed, that caused the shortage. Mr. Dorrity has many friends here, who sympathize with him in his trouble.

Hurt in Bicycle Accident.

SPARTANBURG, Sept. 11.—L. A. Justice, a well known contractor, met with a very serious accident today, at the corner of Church and Main streets. He had alighted from a street car and was in the act of stepping on the sidewalk, when he was struck by a bicycle, ridden by a negro boy. The cyclist was going at a rapid rate of speed, and the force of the encounter threw Mr. Justice, who is a heavy man, to the pavement, with violence. His head struck the curbing, and an ugly wound near the base of the brain was the result. He was rendered unconscious. His skull may be fractured. His condition is serious. The negro cyclist has not been arrested, although the police are looking for him.

NEGROES BLOCK SCHOOL.

Parents Seat Children Beside Whites in Spite of Orders.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 8.—Negro pupils and white pupils at Bonner Springs, Kan., yesterday were forced to enter the school building together for enrollment for the school term which will begin in a few days. The board of education had ordered the whites and blacks placed in separate rooms, and trouble resulted.

Negro parents of pupils tried to force the board of education to allow the negro children to sit in the same room with the whites. J. D. Waters, one of the board members, ordered the negro men and women off the school grounds. The men left the building, but the women, twenty in number, refused to budge.

Finally the negro women took charge of the negro pupils and seated them by the side of white students. The negro women became so noisy and boisterous that the board of education ordered the enrollment postponed until next Monday morning.

It's Now up to Kansas.

A corn year in Missouri means much to the world. This is a corn year. Editor Painter, of Carrollton, relates an incident of the yield, showing the size of the ear in his county. An enterprising farmer, wishing to utilize every foot of available space, planted corn on the roadbed of an abandoned switch, which lay parallel to the main tracks.

A few nights ago a high wind blew down one of the stalks across the main track. The far-sighted engineer of the through train approaching discovered what he thought was a huge bowlder in the way and halted the train at a distance of several hundred yards. The obstacle proved to be an ear of corn, which according to Mr. Painter, required twenty men to remove it.

How a Great Hymn Was Written.

Probably a great hymn never had a more humble origin than "Onward, Christian Soldiers," which is one of the most popular of our modern hymns. In the October Delineator Allen Sutherland writes:

"A great school festival was to be held in a Yorkshire village on Whit-Monday, 1865, and the scholars of Horbury Bridge school, over which the Rev. Sabine Baring-Gould was curate, were invited to attend. As the place of the celebration was some distance away, the minister thought it would be an excellent plan to have his scholars march to the singing of an appropriate and stirring hymn. Fortunately for our hymnology, he could find nothing in his song books suitable for such an occasion, so from sheer necessity he sat down, on the Saturday evening preceding the celebration and composed this great processional hymn, little dreaming that he had produced that which would be world-wide in its usefulness and make his name a household word. Baring-Gould, a minister of the Church of England, is an authority on many subjects, and is a voluminous writer, having published nearly one hundred volumes. In twenty years, between 1870 and 1890, he issued no less than forty-three books, sixteen of which were novels. During the next six years he published seventeen novels. A number of his works have passed through several editions. This suggests the poet Thomas Gray, who was also a man of vast learning, not only in literature, although he left writings enough to form, with his life, a book of four volumes, edited by Edmund Gosse, it is by his one poem, "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard," that he will be ever remembered. This may also prove true of Baring-Gould. The few lines hurriedly composed on a Saturday evening as a marching song for a band of little children will doubtless give to his name greater fame than all the books he has ever written.

Sight Crazyed Him.

WINSTED, CONN., Sept. 11.—Benjamin Taylor, about seventy years old, of Colebrook, who was formerly a preacher and who has been totally blind for several years, was so elated yesterday when he regained his sight that he became mentally unbalanced, and now is a raving maniac. The probate court committed him to the State Hospital for Insane, and he was taken to the asylum in Middletown this afternoon.

After the old man had recovered his sight he did not trust it, and walked off an embankment wall at the home of his son on Lake street, badly bruising his head. His hallucinations took a religious turn, and he constantly exhorted on his knees in the police and railroad stations before being taken away.

When the Train Starts

Sweltering stranger (at Cactus Crossing)—When on earth does the next train leave this sun-baked, heaven-forsaken region?

Alkali Ike—Waal, stranger, we has each got a right to his opinion on thet subjek, but them that knows declares it hikes out jest after the engine.—New York Times.

John Jasper on Baptism.

Rev. John Jasper, the celebrated colored preacher, of Richmond, Va., in his argument in favor of immersion as the proper mode of baptism said:

"Brethren, even a tarra-pin know how to be baptize'. When he's er sunnin essof on a log en see a shower comin' across de pon' 'scoot he goes offen dat log into de pon'; he can't even let God Almighty sprinkle 'im." John also urged that Christ was a nigger because he associated with Niggerdemus."

COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS.

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt Etchings.

EHRHARDT, September 11.—Mr. John B. Ritter and Sim Rush, brothers-in-law, became involved in a difficulty last week, resulting in John B. Ritter cutting Sim Rush to death. Sim, however, shot Ritter as he was running away and sprinkled him from head to feet with small shot.

Mr. L. W. Ritter was ginning cotton at night when one of his colored men was caught in the press gearing, and his hand is mutilated so it will have to be amputated at or near the wrist.

Miss Janie McMillan, daughter of Capt. J. C. McMillan, was buried at the McMillan grave yard last week.

Mr. J. D. Padgett and family went on a visit to relatives in Colleton last Saturday.

A forest fire has been annoying this neighborhood for several days, but think we have about gotten it under control. 1016 bales of new cotton had been shipped from here up to Saturday noon.

Miss Lizzie Trowell, of Walterboro, has been spending some time with Mr. Geo. J. Hiers's family.

Dry and dusty—rain will do us all good. The careless handling of an old pistol came very near killing a little darky last week. The pistol was left in an open drawer and when the older ones were out at work the larger children got out the pistol and discharged it. The ball hit one of the little darkies near the eye, but was a glancing shot and went around the skull and came out at back of head. The little darky is doing well at this writing. JEE.

G. Frank Bamberg handles the best buggies and wagons, yet the prices are reasonable.

Affairs in Allendale.

ALLENDALE, September 11.—The Allendale graded school opened this morning with an enrolment of about 115 scholars. This is considered good for the first day. Quite a large number will be added to these by the end of the week. The board of trustees were present, also quite a number of the citizens of the town. Short speeches were made by most of the trustees and teachers. Dr. J. E. Wannack made a very appropriate talk on education.

The school this year will be in the hands of Prof. B. H. Boyd, assisted by Prof. E. Ladson Fishburne, Miss A. S. Arnold and Miss Carrie Dunwoody.

Mrs. B. H. Johnstone, wife of Prof. Johnstone, of Clemson college, is visiting her brother, Mr. H. T. Farmer.

Miss Ada O'Bryan left today for her home in Rock Hill, S. C.

An unknown negro was killed by the Charleston and Western Carolina through freight train on Saturday night just in front of the passenger depot. His body was so mangled that it was impossible to identify him. It is supposed that he was beating a ride on the train and fell between the cars.

Introspection.

The good God placed me on this earth! I wonder for what cause? Of joy there is surely a dearth, And sorrows never pause!

They come upon me every day, They meet me every where! And it does seem, the more I pray, The faster they appear!

The preachers say that one must strive, A perfect life to lead; One must his faith each hour revive, How hard is this indeed!

And when at last one comes to die, Life's fitful fever o'er; Will my good Lord to me draw nigh, And help me to the shore? T. C. S. Bamberg, S. C., September 11, 1905.

Negro Dead on the Track.

ST. MATTHEWS, September 10.—Clifton Hamilton, a negro, was found dead about a mile above the station early Friday morning. He was lying near the track of the Southern. An autopsy revealed the fact that his skull was crushed with a large hole in the right temple. Hamilton left on Wednesday's morning train for Fort Motte to attend a negro Sunday school convention and was to have returned in the evening but did not.

It is the supposition that the negro was returning on a mixed train due here at 3.30 a. m. and in some way fell off or undertook to get off before the train reached the station and was hurled against a cross tie with above results. The jury rendered a verdict agreeing with this theory.

H. L. Dawes, the distinguished Massachusetts lawyer, in his young manhood was an indifferent speaker. Participating in a law case soon after his admission to the bar before a North Adams justice of the peace, Dawes was opposed by an old attorney, whose eloquence attracted a large crowd that packed the court room. The justice was freely perspiring and drawing off his coat in the midst of the lawyer's eloquent address, he said: "Mr. Attorney, supposing you sit down and let Dawes begin to speak. I want to thin out this crowd."

Don't wait until you need a tonic, take SHAW'S PURE MALT and guard against nervous collapse. For sale at all dispensaries.

GRAFT ALSO IN SUMTER.

Brewing Company Would Give \$5,000 to Aid L. J. Williams if He Ran for Governor.

SUMTER, Sept. 7.—The feature of this morning's investigation was Representative Lyon's question to Dispenser Wyndham whether L. W. Boykin, then inspector, but now a member of the State board, had asked him to order out some beer freely because the Acme Brewing Company had agreed to spend \$5,000 for Chairman L. J. Williams in case he ran for governor. Wyndham had no recollection of being so approached.

Ex-Dispenser E. D. Smith, of Mayesville, testified that Boykin so approached him and witnesses saw Boykin talking to Wyndham shortly afterward.

Mr. Miller of the Sumter Evening News told of his efforts to get local dispenser and county board to carry out the law with regards to request book and the like. Both flatly refused, and when he took the matter up with Hub Evans the latter joked about it and told him the State board was looking after tigers and had no time to see after dispensers.

W. M. Sanders, a former member of the Sumter county board of control testified to Dispenser Warren at Mayesville offering him half the \$40 per month income of the job to vote for him as bottle buyer.

Extracts from the minutes of the county board meetings were introduced to show that Sanders made repeated efforts to get the board to carry out the law. But when he said the only thing he could see to account for his being dropped from the board by the legislative delegation was his activity in trying to have the law obeyed, there was a solemn protest to the statement on the part of Senator Manning, Representative Clifton, Moses and Fraser, who each made a statement flatly contradicting Sanders and denying any knowledge of the matter Sanders complained of. They voted against Sanders because of his unfitness for the place.

Mayor Rhett and ex-county board Chairman O'Neill, of Charleston did not appear, and nothing having been heard from them, it was decided to wind up the meeting here at noon.

Mr. Lyon has several affidavits from Greenville, but these will not be read here, no witnesses having been summoned.

Bears Will Pay Twelve Cents.

While discussing the price of cotton at the cotton platform last Monday, one of our buyers gave his view of the outlook in rhyme, as follows:

Now farmers all come list to me, And if you heed my voice, I'll bring to you prosperity, And cause you to rejoice! The same old game is being tried, By gamblers we call bears, But your lands are no longer tied. And you should have no fears! If when your crops you try to sell, And cannot get your price, Just tell the bear to go to hell, And he'll go in a trice!

The world must have your crop you know, To make their clothes and tents, Over the bears are long you'll crow, For they will pay 12 cents. T. C. S. Bamberg, S. C., September 11, 1905.

Farmer Wanted to Die.

DONALDS, Sept. 5.—Yesterday morning Mr. Jno. W. Branyon, who lives about five miles from this place, attempted suicide by jumping into the well.

His wife saw him in time to prevent the fatal leap, but about one hour later he said he wanted to look at his crop and started off. His son saw him enter a vacant house some distance from the residence, and he did not come out, ran to the place and looked in.

He found his father hanging from a rafter. He cut him down and sent for Dr. Carlton, of Donalds, who succeeded in resuscitating him.

Dr. Carlton thinks he will recover. For some time Mr. Branyon has suffered with some mental trouble and only a few months ago returned from the State hospital for the insane.

If you want a higher grade buggy than you can find elsewhere, call at G. Frank Bamberg's.

Dispensaries Closed.

On Saturday Inspector Mart Floyd came up to Prosperity and checked up the dispenser there and then closed the dispensary in pursuance of the vote of the people the 29th of August. Inspectors McCartha and Nichols came to Newberry and checked up the liquor dispensary and the beer dispensary and closed them. They were closed in the morning.

During the day there was a very noticeable absence of drunkenness in town. The policemen say they have not seen so quiet a Saturday for many a day.—Newberry Observer.

No Mixed Schools in Kansas.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 11.—Negro pupils were refused admission to the white high school at Kansas City, Kansas, and the ward school at Bonner Springs, Kansas, today. In both cases the negroes withdrew quietly, and there was no show of a clash. In Kansas City, Kansas, it is said the negroes will test the case in the courts. The Kansas Legislature last winter passed an act separating the races in the Kansas City schools. This was a direct result of the agitation following the murder of a white boy by a negro pupil. Bonds were voted to build a school for negroes and pending the erection of the structure, the board of education planned to have two sessions daily at the white school, for whites in the morning and negroes in the afternoon. The negroes objected, preferring to sit with the whites.

At Bonner Springs, the school arranged separate rooms for whites and negroes, but to this the negroes objected, protesting they should occupy the rooms simulating with the white children. At Bonner Springs the negroes were accompanied to school by their parents.

GOT OFF CHEAP.

He may well think, he has got off cheap, who, after having contracted constipation or indigestion, is still able to restore his health. Nothing will do this but Dr. King's New Life Pills. A quick, pleasant, and certain cure for sick headache, constipation, etc. 25c at all druggists in Bamberg; Felder & Matthews, Denmark, guaranteed.

A DEPLORABLE TRAGEDY.

MR. JOHN B. RITTER STABS MR. SIM RUSH TO DEATH WITH A KNIFE.

Both Men Prominent in the Community and Were Brothers-in-Law—Quarreled Over Land.

Last Wednesday afternoon Mr. John B. Ritter stabbed Mr. Sim Rush with a pocket knife, and the wound caused death in a few minutes. The killing occurred near the home of Mr. Rush in the Kearse section, in the lower part of this county. Mr. Ritter was shot by Mr. Rush and is said to be severely but not seriously wounded. It is expected that he will recover soon.

As stated above, the difficulty occurred near the home of Mr. Rush, and was witnessed by Mr. Rush's two sons and his wife's mother. We understand there had not been the best of feeling between the two men for some time. A short time ago Mr. Rush sold some parties some timber, and while they were cutting Mr. Ritter stopped them, saying they were on his land, it appearing that the two men live not very far apart, their lands adjoining. The two men are brothers-in-law, Mr. Rush having married Mr. Ritter's sister.

Mr. Rush sent Mr. Ritter word to come over and settle the line, and Mr. Ritter went over. As to how the difficulty started, there are two stories. One is that Mr. Rush commenced to abuse Mr. Ritter and hot words passed. Mr. Rush finally reaching for his gun which was leaning against the fence nearby. Then Mr. Ritter stabbed him, the blade of his knife penetrating the heart. That then Mr. Rush's two sons ran up and Mr. Ritter started to run. When about twenty yards away he was fired on twice, both barrels of the gun being emptied into his back. The shot were small however, and we understand he was sprinkled with shot from his head to his heels, 147 shot being picked out of his body.

The other account is that Rush was stabbed while reading a will which came into the question of the land lines, and that Ritter was shot by Rush as he ran off. Rush had the gun at the fence with him and his two sons were there.

As to what the testimony was at the inquest, we do not know, as the report has not yet been filed in the clerk's office. Magistrate J. C. Copeland, of Ehrhardt, held the inquest.

Mr. Ritter is still at home, confined to his bed from his wounds. As to whether the case will be tried at the October term of court, we do not know. It is a deplorable tragedy, and one that is generally regretted. Both men have families.

ATTACKED BY A MOB

and beaten, in a labor riot, until covered with sores, a Chicago street car conductor applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and was soon sound and well. "I use it in my family," writes G. J. Welch, of Tekonsha, Mich., "and find it perfect." Simply great for cuts and burns. Only 25c at all druggists in Bamberg; Felder & Matthews, Denmark.

Denmark School Opening.

The opening exercises of the Denmark graded school will be held Monday, September 18th, at 9.30 o'clock. There will be a few short addresses on educational subjects, to which the public is cordially invited. As usual each pupil will expect to bring \$1.00 entrance fee.

Patrons are respectfully urged to send their children the first day as it is almost absolutely necessary in a graded school that all pupils get an even start. A great many do not seem to see the need of this. They keep their children at home for the first month or two in the fall, then expect them to be ready for promotion at the end of the session. Only one in a hundred is able to catch up and do the work thoroughly. Something will be left out. If two boys who are evenly matched in swiftness of foot start out to run a race and No. 1 is a hundred yards or a minute ahead of No. 2, the former is bound to win. Two laborers are hoeing cotton. At the beginning of the row one sits down to rest while the other goes steadily ahead. The first in order to catch the second will be obliged either to skip a part of his row or do his work poorly, two evils between which there is no choice. Now, it is the necessity of doing poor work or skipping that we want to avoid. So often you hear a boy make this excuse: "They had passed over that part of arithmetic when I began school and I never learned that subject," or "The class had been drilled in the declensions of Latin before I entered school, consequently I never learned them thoroughly." That boy will never accomplish much in Latin.

Of course I realize the fact that in some cases parents are obliged to keep their children at home to work. In a few instances it is necessary to the support of the family, but these cases are rare. In almost each one some way could be found to send the boy or girl to school. What a tragedy it is to let a boy and especially a girl grow to maturity in ignorance! To those who look at it from the rather sordid standpoint of a financial investment, let me say in commercial parlance, "It pays." At the present day as a rule a man succeeds in business in proportion to the amount of education he has. There are exceptions to this rule, which are constantly held up before us to our detriment. These are geniuses, and they are the scarcest things I know. If you have one in your family it will not be necessary to send him to school. He will succeed without it; but you had better be sure he is a genius.

Now, let us look at this question from a standpoint other than the financial. Who are the leaders in religion, statecraft, society, science, literature? They are the educated men and women. Statistics will prove it. At what a disadvantage is the uneducated man on the platform, though he may be gifted as a speaker. What trouble he finds in expressing his thoughts, though they may be good ones. Let us, dear friends, put our children in school at the beginning, send them every day, and see if we shall not be rewarded.

E. H. HALL.

Denmark, S. C., September 12, 1905.